

NEWS.

DR. M. TREUB, director of the botanical gardens at Buitenzorg, has been elected a member of the Royal Society of London.

MR. H. G. TIMBERLAKE, instructor in botany in the University of Michigan, has accepted a corresponding position in the University of Wisconsin.

A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH, with portrait, of the late Edward Lewis Sturtevant is published by C. S. Plumb in the tenth report of the Missouri Botanical Garden.

MR. ERNST A. BESSEY has been appointed assistant in the Division of Vegetable Physiology and Pathology of the United States Department of Agriculture.

M. ED. PRILLIEUX, the eminent French phytopathologist, has been elected a member of the French Academy of Sciences, in the room of the late Charles Naudin.

PROFESSOR W. A. SETCHELL and other botanists of the University of California are about to leave on an expedition to study the flora of the Aleutian islands.—*Science*, June 23.

PROFESSOR P. H. ROLFS has been appointed professor of botany at Clemson College and botanist to the Agricultural Experiment Station of South Carolina, to succeed Dr. A. P. Anderson.

PROFESSOR HENRY G. JESUP, for twenty-two years professor of botany in Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H., has resigned, and Mr. G. T. Moore, of Harvard University, has been appointed instructor in botany.

THE PROPRIETORS of *Nature* announce that they are about to reissue Sowerby's *English Botany*, third edition with supplement, containing descriptions and life size figures of every British plant, hand colored. The price varies from 16 to 19 guineas, according to binding.

THE INSTRUCTORS and fellows of the University of Chicago who have received botanical appointments for the coming year are as follows: Dr. O. W. Caldwell, professor of botany, State Normal School, Charleston, Ill.; John G. Coulter, assistant in charge of botany, Syracuse University; Florence May Lyon, assistant in botany, Smith College; Dr. W. D. Merrell, instructor in

charge of botany, University of Rochester; Herbert F. Roberts, assistant in Shaw School of Botany; Dr. Wilson R. Smith, instructor in charge of botany, McMaster University, Toronto, Canada.

THE BOTANICAL SEMINAR of the University of Nebraska is pushing work on the survey of the state and hopes to send additional parts of the "Flora" to the printer before the year is over. The Regents of the University made a small grant for a printing fund for the survey at their last meeting.

BY THE WILL of the late Professor O. C. Marsh, Yale University is given his fine residence with the extensive grounds and greenhouses for a botanic garden. The house may be used as the residence of the director, or as a botanical laboratory. It is to be hoped that this gift will stimulate Yale to develop its botanical work more worthily.

DR. EDWARD A. BURT, through the courtesy of Dr. W. G. Farlow, has been studying the Thelephoraceæ of the Curtis herbarium and published exsiccati in the cryptogamic herbarium at Harvard University. He expects to examine types and authentic specimens at Kew during July, spending the remainder of the summer in Sweden collecting and studying fleshy fungi.

AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY: Mr. W. A. Murrill has been appointed for the year as assistant cryptogamic botanist to the Experiment Station, to take charge of the work of Dr. B. M. Duggar during his absence in Europe. Messrs. Heinrich Hasselbring, Judson F. Clark, and George J. Hastings have been appointed assistants in botany. Dr. K. M. Wiegand has been promoted to an instructorship in botany.

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN: Professor V. M. Spalding, who has been in California during the year, has returned to the East and will resume his work next autumn. Professor F. C. Newcombe will spend the summer in Paris to study the scientific institutes of that city. Dr. J. B. Pollock will have charge of the botanical work in the University summer school. Dr. Julia W. Snow and Mr. Pond will do work for the U. S. Fish Commission at Put-in-Bay.

THE PLANS of the botanical staff of the University of Iowa for the summer are as follows: Professor B. Shimek will be engaged in special studies of forestry problems in Iowa, under direction of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; Mr. T. E. Savage will probably complete his studies of the Mosses and Hepaticæ of the state; Mr. P. C. Myers will complete a photographic record of the diatoms of Iowa, recent and fossil; and Professor T. H. Macbride will probably spend the summer in the Grand Cañon of the Colorado, studying the forest problems there for report to the United States Department of Agriculture, and incidentally picking up the fungi of the region.

THE RHODE ISLAND College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, with the cooperation of Hon. Thomas B. Stockwell, state commissioner of public schools, and Dr. Horace S. Tarbell, superintendent of schools in Providence, proposes to open a summer school for nature study at Kingston, R. I., from July 5 to 19, 1899. A general summer school is not contemplated, and the work offered by the various departments constitutes a single course dealing solely with local phenomena in their adaptability to the teaching of nature study. The distinctive feature will be the study of living nature rather than post-mortem biology. Plants will be studied in the field, supplemented by laboratory work when necessary to a clear understanding of the subject treated. No attempt will be made to determine species, but it is proposed to treat the following topics: relation of plants to each other, relation of plants to animals, adaptations for cross pollination, and adaptations for the distribution of seeds and fruits. There will be no entrance examination, and no special requirements for completion of the course.